



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 8 and August 9, 1983

TO: DWPC/FOS and Records Unit

FROM: Region 1 - Dennis J. Connor

SUBJECT: WINNEGAGO COUNTY - United Recovery - Reconnaissance Visits
(formerly Soterion)

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The following is a report of observations made and information obtained during visits to the United Recovery Facility located on the North side of Rockton. The visits were made to ascertain if current operating conditions were in compliance with Illinois Pollution Control Board Rules and Regulations, Title 35, Subtitle C, Water Pollution.

August 8, 1983 (11:00am - 11:20am)

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Interviewed: No one present.

The facility was shut down and no personnel were present. Conditions on the property appeared little changed from the April 7, 1982 visit although it appeared as though less barrels were stored outside. The asphalt lot behind the Quonset huts had been swept clean, and was relatively free of oil. Hundreds of barrels were stored in two of the Quonset huts. Building #620 was posted with a "for rent" sign and telephone number. (623-2489)

Recent excavation just off the property perimeter appeared to have been from a new city sanitary sewer extension. A check of the file verified it was a sanitary sewer extension project constructed under IEPA construction and operation permit 1983-HB-1832 issued 6/6/83. There was no excavation on the plant property to indicate that a connection had been made to city sewer.

August 9, 1983 (2:00pm - 3:15pm)

Interviewed: Glen Galles, Plant Manager

Accompanied by: Ken Bardo, DLPC/Rockford

During the visit Galles and another employee were working on the "scrubber" unit for their product dryer. The dryer and all other units were shut down. According to Galles all water used in the process is recycled. Galles said that Ernest Brown, the company owner, (phone 624-8211 or 623-2489) planned to move as soon as the remaining 350 to 400 tons of sludge were processed, which could take three months or more. He said about 250 tons of processed material was stockpiled in the dryer building.

Ken Bardo collected a composite sample of the raw oil from several drums for solvent analysis. He also sampled the standing water in the dry well (wide slotted grate) for solvent analysis.

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